

Guiteau's lawyer claims to be unfamiliar with criminal practice. In assuming the defense of the assassin, he modestly asserted that he had been interested in but two criminal cases in all his practice. But, despite his freshness in this particular, he seems to have readily acquired one fundamental principle of defensive tactics—that is, to seek always to gain time. He now asks for another continuance of the trial, on the ground that he is not yet fully prepared. That is, public sympathy has not yet been successfully aroused in behalf of his client. But every day's delay is helping this matter along and developing new technicalities for a promising defense. If the trial can be staved off long enough Guiteau's precious neck may yet be saved from the deserved halter.

With its next number *Harper's Young People* begins its third volume. The two years of this periodical's growth have lifted it from a vigorous infancy to a robust youth. The aim of its publishers has been to make *Harper's Young People* attractive without being sensational, and to this end have secured the services of a high class of writers and artists. The fact has been recognized by the Chautauqua "Young Peoples Union," which has included this illustrated weekly among the works which the members of the Union are required to read. The author of "Toby Tyler" will contribute to the new volume of *Harper's Young People* a story called "Mr. Stubbs' Brother." The boys and girls who have read "Toby Tyler" need not be told who "Mr. Stubbs" is, and they are sure to welcome his brother with open arms.

Congressman Blackburn's fellow-travelers on a railway train in Texas not long ago were mostly cow-boys. They stopped the train at the dead of night and invited him to make a speech. The account of the episode says that the Kentucky orator "thought it best to comply," and adds that he spoke of the Lone Star State in such glowing terms that his audience fired a revolver volley by way of applause. Thus it is shown that if speech-making is a weakness of Americans it may on occasions become their strength.

When Congress opens in regular session in December there will be an unusual amount of work before it. Over three thousand bills were left unacted on at the last session, which with the new work that necessarily comes up should make a very busy session. Among the most prominent subjects named as demanding attention are the public debt, the coinage of silver, civil service reform, the revival of the shipping interests, revision of the tariff and the fisheries.

A curious plan is adopted in some parts of the west of Ireland with a view of keeping the "No Rent" manifesto before the tenants. It takes the form of a promissory note which has been circulated among farmers attending a fair. The note is a promise to pay rent on the day Parnell, Davitt and other suspects are released. It is intended that the note shall be signed by the tenants and sent to the landlords.

The French delegates to the Yorktown celebration visited various parts of New York city Sunday. The German delegates were guests of the Consul General of Germany at his residence on Staten Island. In the evening, accompanied by Walker Blaine, they started for Utica for the purpose of visiting Baron Von Steuben's grave. They were to attend a State ball to be given last evening in their honor.

Thomas Garfield, a brother of the late President, lives on a small farm in Ottawa county, Michigan. He is fifty-nine years of age, stoops somewhat, and carries a pair of hands as hard as a pine-knot. He is intelligent and reputable, and never had any other ambition than to make an honest living. James sometimes visited him, and the brothers never drifted far apart.

The money disbursed for work in and around the Cowstock mines during the month of October was much larger than for a year or more. The working force is slightly increased for this month over last.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

**Wretches in Russia.**  
NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The *Herold's* Berlin special says: A diplomat who has just arrived from St. Petersburg gives me a very gloomy description of the situation in Russia. Affairs are growing more and more critical daily. Riots are feared in consequence of the increasing dearth of provisions. The Nihilists are distributing circulars charging the Czar with being the cause of all the trouble, and declaring that he is sending all the gold of Russia to Denmark. The truth is that a small part of the 60,000,000 roubles found in the Imperial cellars after the assassination of Alexander II. was forwarded to Denmark at the time of the recent royal marriage. High Russian officials are advising landlords to leave the country for the city if they do not wish to be assassinated. Great anxiety prevails at Gatsching.

**Railroad Fast Time.**  
CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—The officials of the Lake Shore road are densely ignorant of the programme for the lightning express and the public are uninformed from official sources. Elsewhere it is said that Vanderbilt has met so many difficulties in competing with the Pennsylvania road's fast time that he has given up the fast train from New York to Chicago, and will not attempt to beat the Pennsylvania time. The difficulty arises from the longer route of the Vanderbilt combination and from the jealousy of the Michigan Central and Canada roads, which must be left out in the cold.

**Stage Robbery.**  
SONORA, Cal., November 7.—The down stage from here was stopped at 4 o'clock this morning between Tuttle-town and the river by four masked men. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s treasure box was broken open and robbed of thirty-two hundred dollars, shipped from the Sonora office. John Munders, one of our merchants, had on his person \$550. Thinking the passengers would be robbed, he dropped it in the stage and it was found by the robbers. No other passengers were robbed. The robbers were masked with old sacks. No clue as yet to the robbers.

**Latest News from the Arctic.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, November 7.—The steam whaler *Belvidere* arrived this morning, bringing advices from the Arctic relief steamer *Rogers*, confirming the report brought down by the schooner *Golden Fleece* on Saturday, that the *Rogers* had circumnavigated Wrangle Land. This sets at rest the doubts entertained here, as the information comes direct from the *Rogers* by the verbal statement of the captain of the *Belvidere* and by letters which he brought from the officers and correspondents on board the *Rogers*.

**Sheriff Green Drowned.**  
REDWOOD CITY, Cal., November 7.—Geo. W. Green, Sheriff of this county, was drowned to-day at the mouth of Redwood City creek, by the capsizing of a boat.

The munificent donation of \$20,000 by Charles Crocker to the Academy of Sciences deserves special commendation. It shows that there is a growing interest in the cause of science on the Pacific coast, and that our rich men are not unmindful of their duties in this regard. It is to be hoped that Mr. Crocker's example will be followed by other capitalists. There is a wide field for scientific research on this coast, and the Crocker fund, which is to be devoted to assisting students and investigators in original researches in any branch of natural science in California, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona, will give an impetus to investigation in that direction. The public are generally indebted to Mr. Crocker in this matter.—*S. F. Post.*

A clever sell was perpetrated on the guests of Glen Mountain House, Watkin's Glen, New York. On a tree near the piazza fronting the glen was hung a cage carefully covered with a piece of calico. Upon it was posted the following notice: "Blind red bat, from Havana. Raise the cover carefully, as the light might injure his eyes!" It is fun for the initiated to sit there quietly and see victim after victim cautiously raise the curtain and disclose suspended within the cage—a brick-bat!

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